

Minutes: Meeting to Discuss [Topic]

Meeting purpose To ensure the opinions and position of the network via the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Providers (LIHEAP) and CSD are considered and discussed in a public open forum.

Date, time, and place Date: November 17, 2009
Time: 10am – 2pm
Place: CSD, Sacramento, King Conference Room

Attendees

Member	CC Corp	CSD
Humboldt	CRP	Lloyd Throne
Cal/Neva	San Mateo	Jason Wimbley
Orange County	San Diego	Kathy Ely
Santa Barbara	Colusa-Glenn-Trinity	Lynn Wiley
Merced	Berkeley	Kristin Hart
Marin	Self-Help Improvement	Mercy Hernandez
Placer County	Tulare	Florencia Hernandez
San Joaquin	Amador-Tuolumne	Carol Forrest
Butte	Riverside	
Project Go	San Francisco	
Kern County	Kings County	
PACE	CES	
El Dorado	ACCES	
Heath & Assoc	LA Water & Power	
Fresno	Nevada City Housing	
Conference Call		
CVOC	San Bernardino	
Madera	Fresno	
Butte	San Francisco	
San Luis Obispo	San Mateo	
Lassen County	Plumas	
Ventura		
Kern County		
Contra Costa County		

Approval of previous minutes Kathy Kifaya moved that the minutes from August 19, 2009 be approved and Mike Culbertson seconds the motion.

**Topics
discussed**

Topic	Discussion Leader
Energy Council Reports	
Solar for All Update	Lynn Wiley
<u>Innovative Weatherization Project</u>	<u>Kathy Ely</u>
<u>California Conservation Corp</u>	<u>Peter Couch & Brad Duncan</u>
<u>2010 LIHEAP Update</u>	<u>Jason Wimbley & Kathy Ely</u>
<u>DOE & LIHEAP Program Updates</u>	<u>Jason Wimbley & Kathy Ely</u>
<u>DOE Priority Measure Analysis</u>	<u>RHA & Jason Wimbley</u>
<u>Association Updates</u>	

**Director's
Report**

Lloyd Throne, Director of CSD announced that Chief Deputy Director, Renee' Webster-Hawkins took a position with Department of Energy and was no longer with CSD. Our Staff Counsel, Ronn Kaiser would assume the duties of "Acting" Chief Deputy Director. Ronn Kaiser addressed the network and said his services would be available to the network in any work related area. Comments were made on the NCAF Energy and Leveraging Conference held in Florida November 1-6, 2009. Lloyd said this joint conference was excellent and he urged the network to attend next year. David Bradley, ED of Washington, D.C., advocate for community services spoke on the ARRA funds. He said there is no option for failure when it comes to the success of the ARRA fund distribution within the community action arena. ARRA represents a shift in the energy programs. Our success with the ARRA program will determine the direction the energy programs take. There is a great deal of focus on the California ARRA program in DC. Bidden monitors this program on a weekly basis – Lloyd reminded the network again, that we need to make this ARRA program work. The suggestion was made that the agencies share best practices between the States on how they are handling the ARRA funds and TT & A programs. Val Martinez will compose a letter from CSD to other State agencies suggesting that they attend the conferences with information relating to ARRA. The good news is that California is making great progress and DOE is very impressed with the accomplishments. It was said that the California ARRA contract was the most detailed contract in the States. Lloyd shared with the group that the agencies that decide not to accept ARRA funding could be impacted by their future ability to administer annual funding grants in the future.

**Energy Council
Update**

California is the only State to have an Energy Council. Lloyd Throne, Director of CSD, thanked the Energy Council members for their effort. Val Martinez, RCAA, said the council discussions included future projections, the 2010 LIHEAP contract and of course, ARRA funds.

Solar Update

CSD has negotiated four solar contracts with our providers, CRP, NCES, Fresno EOC and CCES. CSD has set aside \$14.7 million in LIHEAP dollars to fund these contracts. The selected providers anticipate the installation of up to 1200 systems to benefit a combination of single and multi-family households. These selected agencies will partner with other energy providers and expect work to be completed within one year of the contract date.

**Innovative
Weatherization
Project Update**

When the innovative weatherization project started it was originally supposed to parallel with the solar projects. The innovative weatherization project RFP was delayed until early 2010. The RFP will be released for \$2.5 million dollars to be used for innovative projects that will reduce energy consumption.

**CCC
Presentation**

Peter Couch and Brad Duncan were the presenters for the California Conservation Corps located in Sacramento, California. The CCC is a state department under the Resources Agency. The Corps operate a work development program specifically for men and women between the ages of 18-25, offering work in environmental conservation, fire protection, land maintenance, and emergency repose to natural disasters. The CCC was created in 1976 by Governor Jerry Brown. Since beginning operation in the late 1970'a, the CCC has employed over 95,000 young corpsmembers with 54 million hours of conservation work. 6,402 miles of trails throughout the state have been constructed and 3.2. million trees have been planted. CSD and their agencies were encouraged to partner with the CCC. Dennis Osmer, Executive Director of CCES said their agency has experienced a positive twelve year partnership with CCC to integrate corps members into every facet of our agency while remaining a part of the CCC.

**2010 LIHEAP
Funding &
Contract
Update**

There is still no word when Congress will finish the FY 2010 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriation bill. The expectation is that it will be rolled into a "mini-omnibus" bill along with several others yet to finish appropriation bills by the end of the year. Optimism remains for receiving level funding (full \$5.1 billion) since the same funding levels are contained in both the House and Senate versions of the spending bill. There are also strong indications that the Congress will accept the House-passed provision allowing states to increase their eligibility ceiling to 75% of state median income. One hitch will be how and when emergency funds are released. Natural gas prices are trailing about 10% below last year's level and heating oil prices are about 10% higher. As such, any release could be contingent on the number of households that are requesting assistance. The 2010 LIHEAP Contract should be out by the end of January 2010.

**DOE and
LIHEAP
Program
Updates**

The DOE WAP ARRA No. 007 was handed out to the providers. The purpose of the guidance is to provide DOE Energy Service Providers with modification to provisions and budgets contained in both the DOE ARRA Contract the subsequent amendment issued on Sept. 30, 2009. The outcome of the contract negotiations with DOE was successful. Praise was given to the Energy Council members, members of the network and CSD staff for the collective negotiation process. There was discussion regarding the revision to job dwelling estimates and production cycles.

**DOE Priority
Measure
Analysis
Presentation**

Richard Heath and Association joined our LIHEAP Service Providers Meeting on November 17, 2009. CSD is out of compliance and RHA will assist CSD to bring them back into compliance.

**Association
Updates**

Community Resource Project will be hosting a symposium in early spring of 2010. Tim Reese spoke on the Cal/Neva Conference in Los Angeles. He said there was a good turnout and the Board Training was very popular. Southern Cal Forum shared information about their quarterly meeting in Sept. 2009. Val Martinez said that surveys had been sent out regarding the current barriers concerning the signing of the DOE contract.

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Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm

Next meeting The next LIHEAP Service Providers meeting will be on Feb. 10, 2010 at CSD in Sacramento from 10am-2pm in the KING Conference Room
